IN THE HIGH COURT OF ORISSA AT CUTTACK
BLAPL No.1569 of 2026

Lalit Meher and another … ***Petitioners***

Mr. S.S. Pradhan, Advocate

-versus-

State of Odisha … ***Opposite Party***

Mr. M.R. Patra, Addl. PP

CORAM: JUSTICE G. SATAPATHY

ORDER(ORAL):08.04.2026

Order No.

01. 1. This matter is taken up through Hybrid Arrangement (Virtual/Physical Mode).

2. This is a bail application U/S.483 of BNSS by the petitioners for grant of bail in connection with Bolangir Forest Division Offence Report No.546 of 2025-26 of Patnagarh Range of 2026 corresponding to 2(b)CC Case No.2 of 2026 pending in the file of learned SDJM, Patnagarh, for commission of offences punishable U/Ss.4/12 of Odisha Timber and other Forest Produce Transit Rules, 1980, under Rules 21 of OT and under Section 56 of OFA, 1972, on the main allegation of transporting 20quitanls Medhamud Creeper in a Mahindra Bolero Pick-up vehicle.

3. Heard, Mr. Shibani Shankar Pradhan, learned counsel for the petitioners and Mr. M.R. Patra, learned Additional Public Prosecutor in the matter and perused the record.

4. After having considered the rival submissions and taking into consideration the nature and gravity of the offence as alleged against the petitioners vis-a-vis

the accusations sought to be brought against them and regard being had to the pre-trial detention of the petitioners in custody since 31.01.2026 with submission of PR in the meantime and keeping in view the punishment prescribed for the offence which is not beyond seven years and taking into account the law laid down by the Apex Court in ***Satender Kumar Antil Vrs. Central Bureau of Investigation; (2022) 10 SCC 51***, this Court without expressing any view on merits admits each of the petitioners to bail.

5. Hence, the bail application of the petitioners stands allowed and the petitioners are allowed to go on bail on furnishing bail bonds of Rs.25,000/- (Rupees Twenty-five Thousand) each with one solvent surety for the like amount to the satisfaction of the learned Court in seisin of the case on such terms and conditions as deem fit and proper by it.

6. Accordingly, the BLAPL stands disposed of. A soft copy of this order be immediately communicated to the concerned Court, who shall afterwards communicate the same to the concerned Jail through e-mail for reference.

(G. Satapathy)
Judge

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